



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes May 17, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by President Gail.

Members present: Gail, Derek, Clem, Selma, Jon, Cheryl, Valle, Matt, Lori (Board Quorum of 5)

Secretary Report: Minutes of April 19, 2012, were read and motion (Clem, 2nd Derek) to accept passed unanimously, they will be posted on MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$1420.26 in bank checking account. Postal box rental was due and paid in May for the next 12 months. The amount due to Sara for 2011 & 2012 classes has been paid by Pete from his funds. Grant costs/purchases are being updated to reflect current spending. IDFG fiscal year ends on June 30. Budget projections were discussed and each year a budget meeting will be held, as stated in By-laws.

Discussion of honorarium to be paid to Carrie and Marilyn (for teaching 2012 Class) followed motion (Cheryl/2nd Valle) to send \$25 honorarium to each, motion passes unanimously. Another motion (Cheryl/2nd Clem) to reimburse Jon for mileage at \$0.15/mile or \$25, whichever is more, passed unanimously. State employees who provide training can not be reimbursed.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon

- See the Friends of Scotchman Peaks calendar <http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking/current-hiking-schedule/> for info on June 9 hike lead by Brian Baxter. Participants must register.
- This committee is developing a map of “local interest”, including hikes, lakes, valleys, different local places that newcomers may not be familiar with (Denton slough, HooDoo valley, Mickinick trail, etc.,)

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- the Grizzly bear study needs volunteers and training will be provided, more information is forthcoming.
- The MN Earth Day booth was well received and we sold over 30 bluebird nest boxes. Thank you to all who helped with set up, tear down, and staffing.
- **WDC work days are rescheduled for Thursdays, due to Friday field trips. May 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 9:00am-12:00 noon**, bring your gloves, hand tools, and pick a chore from the list. Hours count for volunteer time.
- Plant monitoring opportunities will be available this summer at the Hayden Tall Pines property, Cocollala, Boundary Creek, and White Island at the Clark Fork delta. POC's are Derek Antonelli and Brita Peterson who will lead and send out dates and information.
- IdaH2O will provide water quality sample training to the public in the Sandpoint area on July 20.
- WDC Open House date this summer will need to be discussed at future meeting, set a date, advertise,

and see what turn out and community interest we get. Then we can decide if/when to do it again.

- Motion to have a booth at the Bonner County Fair was tabled until our next meeting. Discussion and buy-in from all members is required to cover all the hours needed for set up, break down, and daily manning of the booth.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Articles for newsletter have been well received. Keep sending them to Valle for editing and we will continue to submit them to the State for publishing.
- We have more books and DVDs for the library that may be borrowed with subjects including Atmosphere, Mt. St. Helens, butterflies, birds, plants, N Idaho geology, etc. Books are located at WDC.

Old Business:

- Final grant purchases need to be made, look for a deal on a book case on wheels. Most other line items have been ordered.
- Public Use Survey of Wildlife Management Areas available online at IDFG. Important to get input from public and volunteers for future decisions about viability of WMAs. Pete will have more information after roll-out presentation to IDFG end of month. IDFG vehicle at WDC available for surveys. If upkeep and use is documented, better chance of keeping these properties in system.
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/portal/form/2012-wildlife-management-area-public-opinion-survey>

New Business:

- Discussion about how to get Volunteer activities information out to everyone? When posting e-mail through our g-mail account, author must put MN or Master Naturalist in subject line. We will also begin using the calendar on our website www.IdahoMasterNaturalist.org under the Sandpoint Chapter. This will be our go to place to check on events/meetings. An idea was presented to ask for a member to create a new website, separate from the ID Fish and Game. A motion to have a message sent from the President to all members asking for a volunteer to create and maintain a web page (Clem/2nd Jon) passed unanimously.
- Discussion about meetings and when/where they should be held ensued. All members from both 2011 and 2012 classes need to be considered. Best times/days to meet? Perhaps Sundays, evenings, weekends? Maybe just do social gatherings or invite speakers with a board meeting held prior to general meeting? We need input from all members. Pot Luck was suggested for early June to get everyone together and talk about volunteer work, sign up for committees, etc. Date set for June 10th 2:00pm at WDC, Gail will send invitation.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday June 21, 2012, 9:00am at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary